

MRS. STEWART MAKES ELOQUENT SPEECH

Following the eloquent appeal made to the Legislature last week as a Committee of the whole, by Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, of Morehead, to blot illiteracy out of Kentucky, the House of Representatives passed by unanimous vote the bill providing for the Kentucky Illiteracy Commission.

Not in years has any speaker been accorded such a demonstration of approval as was given to Mrs. Stewart at the conclusion of her address. She completely swept the Legislature off its feet by her eloquence. Not only did her eloquence appeal to the members but the indisputable facts she adduced were equally as impressive.

When Mrs. Stewart became County Superintendent of Rowan County several years ago the county was one of the highest in the state in point of illiteracy. She invented the moonlight school as a cure. It worked wonders. As a result, out of the 1152 people in Rowan County now old enough to read and write there are but four Rowan County persons who cannot read and write and two persons have moved into the County from Morgan County since the last term of the moonlight school of 1913 making a total of six persons. There are seventeen persons in the county incapable of learning. The total of persons in the county who cannot read and write are twenty-three so that in point of non-illiteracy Rowan County leads the state if not the world. Not only has this system been adopted by many of the counties of the state, but many of the states of the union as well have accepted it as the method of blotting out illiteracy.

After making her speech the members of the Legislature

crowded around Mrs. Stewart seeking an opportunity to congratulate her and encourage her. A vote of thanks was expressed by the House and Senate on the motion of Representative Coke, of Logan county for her splendid address. Representative Sausley moved that the regular order of business be suspended and that the bill providing for the illiteracy Commission be put on its passage. This was done without objection so that Mrs. Stewart had the pleasure of witnessing the effect of her thrilling address. It also gave her the opportunity to realize that by eloquence and facts she had accomplished something in legislative history that had never been done before, as the honor of such a proceeding was given to her.

UNIT BILL CHANGED

The Frost county unit bill passed the Senate last week by a vote of 24 to 12. The measure changes the present county unit law in that 25 per cent of the voters of a county can call for an option election, where now it requires 25 per cent of the voters in each precinct in a county. Senator Clay voted for the bill. If this bill becomes a law, and it seems certain it will, practically every county in the State will go dry.

HOW ABOUT IT, SHELTON?

There isn't a finer young fellow or more able newspaper man in the State than Shelton Sausley of the Stanford Interior Journal, but honest Injun, and just between us girls, did Shelton really, truly expect his bill reducing the per diem of himself and his fellow legislators from \$10 to \$5 a day, to be passed?—Todd County Times.

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